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SUBJ: RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

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FOR AMBASSADOR DEAN BROWN

1. MADE PRESENTATION PROBLEM VIETNAMESE RESETTLEMENT TO DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY MONGBE. SINCE DAHOMEY'S CURRENT MILITARY REGIME IS MARXIST-LENINIST AND FULLY SYMPATHETIC WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE AND SO CALLED PRG, PRESENTATION DID NOT INCLUDE REQUEST FOR GOVERNMENT TO ACCEPT SOUTH VIETNAMESE REFUGEES.

2. USED OCCASION INSTEAD TO DESCRIBE IMMENSE INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE PROBLEM RESULTING FROM FLIGHT OF MILLIONS TO ESCAPE INVADING NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY, AND ASKED FOR HIS GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES TO COPE WITH THE PROBLEM. MONGBE PROFESSED AMAZEMENT RE MAGNITUDE OF AND REASONS FOR REFUGEE PROBLEM, PROMISED TO PASS ON SUBSTANCE OF CONVERSATION TO HIS MINISTER, BUT MADE NO EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY FOR REFUGEES OR HINT THAT HIS GOVERNMENT MIGHT SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS IN FAVOR OF THEM.

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3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT EXPECT ANY DAHOMEAN SUPPORT OF ANY KINS FOR SOUTH VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY IN-ADVISABLE TO ASK THIS REGIME TO TAKE IN ANY REFUGEES FROM ANY COMMUNIST COUNTRY. MIGHT ADD THAT THE REGIME IS MAKING WAR ON ITS OWN PROFESSIONAL CLASSES, WITH RESULT MANY TRAINED PEOPLE ARE TAKING REFUGE ELSEWHERE.
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